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PATENT APPLICATION
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In re application of

Jorg SCHABERNACK, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/328,893

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For: MANAGEMENT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT USING MANAGED OBJECTS IN A
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ATTN: BOX AF

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method (100) comprising the steps of:

checking in response to a request (RQ = RQ*) for access to one (MO*) of a plurality of managed objects (MO1, MO2, MO*) whether this requested object (MO*) is stored in a memory (MEM) (step 110) of a network element connected to a digital communications network;